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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which has entered the U.S. National Stage on June 17, 2005, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Publication (Kokoku) No. JP 38-18449 published on September 16, 1963 by the Japanese Patent Office;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2000-127153 published on May 9, 2000 by the Japanese Patent Office;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 11-291289 published on October 26, 1999 by the Japanese Patent Office;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 09-292176 published on November 11, 1997 by the Japanese Patent Office;

- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 63-78707 published on April 8, 1988 by the Japanese Patent Office; and
- F. Japanese Utility Model Registration No. JP 3058778 registered on March 10, 1999, and published on June 22, 1999 by the Japanese Patent Office.

The above-listed prior arts A through E are all cited in the International Search Report completed on May 20, 2004 to the PCT Application No. PCT/JP03/16221 upon which the above-identified U.S. application is filed. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. A copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability is also enclosed.

Though the prior art A through E are not in the English language, the International Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Y's and A's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art except the prior art A.

The prior art F is not in the English language but it is referred to as "The reference 1" on page 1 of the specification and the concise explanation of the relevance is incorporated and described therein.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the examination.

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